मास्टर जनरल फिर से मूल्यांकन कर रहे है । जिसके अप्रैल, 1988 में पूर्ण होने की संभावना है । इस बदली हुई परिस्थितियो में, इन रिक्तियों पर स्टाफ की भर्ती करने तथा साथ ही ग्रुप-घ की रिक्तियो को भरने के लिए तत्पश्चात् ही कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

(ग) केवल वरिष्ठता ही मानदड नही है । अतिरिक्त विभागीय कर्मचारियो को भी विभागीय लिखित परीक्षा में अर्हता प्राप्त करनी होती है ।

STD facility in district headquarters

1945. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to connect all the district headquarters in the country by Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD);

(b) if so, what is the number of district headquarters not connected by STD till 31st January, 1988; and

(c) by when all the district headquarters will be connected by STD?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Government has plans to connect all the district headquarters to their respective State Capitals through STD.

(b) 187, Sir.

(c) Although all the district headquarters have been planned to be provided with this facility by the end of the 7th plan, it is likely that some of them will spill over to the next plan.

Use of natural gas for power generation

1946. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several experts in the field of energy have urged Government to utilize natural gas for power generation in the country;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct thorough research in the field; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Natural gas is being used, *inter alia*, for power generation in Assam, Tripura, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Commitments of gas for this purpose have been made in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, U.P. and Tamil Nadu.

Petrochemical Plant in the Cauveri Basin

1947. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up a petrochemical plant in the Cauveri Basin; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Connceting Bombay with direct telephone line with other cities in Maharashtra

1948. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of the towns or cities in Maharashtra which are likely to be connected to Bombay by direct telephone during the year 1988?